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ABSTRACT

Following an introductory discussion of the role and use of libraries in New York State, this booklet provides information about the priorities of the Board of Regents of the University of New York for 1987 library legislation to help meet the goal of educational success for all New York residents. Discussions include proposed legislation intended to improve library services by increasing aid for: (1) public libraries, public library systems, reference and research library resources systems, school library systems, and other libraries; (2) public library system coordinated outreach, literacy, and youth services programs; (3) intersystem cooperation in the development of regional and statewide bibliographic databases and other uses of technology to support resource sharing; and (4) a coordinated effort to conserve and protect information resources of unique value to New York State. Other Regents legislative proposals of interest to libraries and other cultural institutions are also summarized. The text is supplemented with 13 photographs, 10 tables, and 4 maps showing New York library systems. A listing of the Regents of the University of the State of New York and other state officials is also included. (KM)

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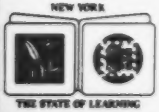

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NEW YORKERS RELY ON LIBRARIES...

To assist them in attaining their life goals – personal, educational, career-oriented, or recreational. Public, school, academic, institution and special libraries answer hundreds of thousands of questions and provide preschool, parent, career, job, health, community agency and education information, programs and services which help insure educational success for all learners in our State. New Yorkers of all ages become more self-sufficient, productive, and capable by using their libraries.

THE REGENTS DEPEND ON LIBRARIES...

To help meet their goal of educational success for all. The responsibilities of the Regents and the State Education Department encompass the full range of educational and cultural programs within the State. Priorities for 1987 include "better beginnings" and "successful completions" for all New Yorkers.

LIBRARIES HELP PROVIDE "BETTER BEGINNINGS"...

Early childhood education is the most effective investment to promote long-range educational success as a person develops. This need is significant in economically distressed communities because early development of successful learning patterns is essential to overcome limitations of the social and economic environment.

Public libraries play a significant role in early childhood education by serving as the preschool child's door to lifelong learning. Public libraries also provide information and education programs for young parents on child development, nutrition, children's literature and other topics.

LIBRARIES HELP PROVIDE "SUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS"...

One of the major roles of the education system is to prepare a properly trained work force at all levels of expertise. Education supplies the labor needed by communities, and by so doing, provides individuals with the opportunity to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Public, school and academic libraries provide materials and services to help students successfully complete secondary school. Successful completions also mean successful transition to the workplace and to further education.

Libraries provide information, programs, and services about job, career, literacy training and other educational opportunities through Education Information Centers, Job and Career Information Services, literacy, outreach and community-based information and referral services. Libraries provide the tools and the help that young people and adults need to succeed in school, find a job, explore new careers, learn to read, locate training programs or return to school. Libraries work with schools and other providers of human services in addressing the community problems that deny success to those most in need of education and employment.

LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK STATE

	Number	Total Volumes	Professional Staff	Support Staff	Total Operating Expenditures	Expenditures Salary	%	Materials	%
Public[a]	733	55,654,602	3,631	6,948	$383,219,462	$242,325,822	63%	$ 55,576,081	15%
Academic[b]	263	60,533,593	2,641	3,548	$241,824,963	NA	NA	$ 66,527,640	28%
School[c]									
Public	3,915	41,787,940	3,335	NA	$128,780,220	$ 94,607,928	73%	$ 18,198,638	14%
Nonpublic	2,302	10,218,240	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Institution[d]	165	906,803	70	92	$ 3,206,232	$ 2,155,985	67%	$ 841,223	26%
Medical[e]	197	4,732,750	333	432	$ 23,366,001	NA	NA	$ 7,929,311	34%
NY State Library[f]	1	1,978,860	95	127	$ 8,563,528	$ 4,231,880	50%	$ 1,869,686	22%
TOTAL	7,576	175,812,788	10,105	11,147	$788,960,406	$343,411,615	44%	$150,942,579	19%

[a] *Public and Association Libraries Statistics 1985*
[b] *Selected Statistics on Postsecondary Libraries in New York State, Fall 1985 and Fiscal Year 1984-85 Data, October 1985*
[c] *SED Information Center on Education, Public/Nonpublic school library statistics, 1985-86*
[d] *Institution Libraries Statistics 1984/85*
[e] *A Directory of Medical Libraries in New York State, 1985*
[f] *New York State Library: 1986 and 1985-86 ARL Questionnaire*
NA – Data not available

HOW DO WE KNOW THIS?

Library use is increasing each year.

In 1987, public libraries will loan some 97 million books.

Academic libraries will serve almost 1.1 million students and faculty supporting the research and traditional learning programs essential to the intellectual and economic well-being of the State. School libraries will help some 3 million students develop lifelong learning skills.

Libraries in Correctional institutions and Division for Youth facilities will bring necessary information to individuals preparing to rejoin society. Medical libraries will provide health care professionals with up-to-the-minute medical information, contributing to the protection of our citizen's health. Some 1,600 corporations, scientific institutes, government agencies, and industrial research units are linked to the library resources of the State through their special libraries. Important ethnic and cultural resources are safeguarded through programs offered by institutions such as the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Akwesasne Library on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation.

BEFORE

AFTER

The Indian Lake Library in Hamilton County was one of 163 public libraries able to build a new facility, renovate, increase access to the handicapped, or install energy conservation measures with $3 million of public library construction money in the 1984 State Library legislation. The 1986 legislative appropriation of $2 million funded similar projects in 129 public libraries. These grants generated a total of $40.4 million in matching funds. While these construction projects were a great accomplishment, the available funds only met a small part of the need. The $4 million of statutory funding requested in the 1987 legislative proposal is needed to improve other deteriorating library buildings.

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FIRST AND SECOND YEAR SUPPORT FOR LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SYSTEMS AS COMPARED WITH CURRENT LAW
(In Millions of Dollars)

	1986/87 Current Law	1987/88 Current Law	1987/88 Proposed[a]	1988/89 Proposed[a]
Public Libraries and Systems	$56.60[b]	$54.09	$65.95	$70.66
Reference and Research Library Resources Systems	3.00	3.00	3.34	3.34
School Library Systems (maximum)	5.13	5.06	6.14	6.57
Coordinated Collection Development	1.37	1.37	1.57	1.57
Medical/Hospital	1.65	1.73[c]	1.77	1.77
Regional database/automation	3.05	3.05	5.15[d]	5.22[d]
Preservation/Conservation	1.84	1.84	3.10	3.10
TOTAL	$72.62	$70.15	$87.02	$92.23

[a] The Regents legislative proposal includes phased formula adjustments.
[b] Includes $2 million appropriation for construction and $400,000 for literacy program.
[c] Current law gives $100,000 to the hospital program in 1987/88 and thereafter.
[d] Includes $100,000 for interloan redesign.

LIBRARIES IN 1987...

. . . are better serving the people of New York State because in 1986 the Legislature and Governor increased State aid to ensure continuation of quality library services through established and new statewide programs.

The Regents 1987 Legislative Program for Libraries builds on the 1986 legislation and seeks to continue the progress made towards improved library services by increasing aid for:

***** public libraries, public library systems, reference and research library resources systems, school library systems and other libraries.**

***** public library system coordinated outreach services, literacy and youth services programs.**

***** intersystem cooperation in the development of regional and statewide bibliographic databases and other uses of technology to support resource sharing.**

***** a coordinated effort to conserve and preserve information resources of unique value to New York State.**

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE 1987 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR LIBRARIES

It is estimated that this bill will require the following increases in the local assistance budget for the next two fiscal years:

1987-88	**$16.7 million****
1988-89	**$5.2 million****

The estimated total of the proposed increase over the current 1986/87 local assistance budget will be $21.9 million.**

** The Regents legislative proposal includes phased formula adjustments.

PROFILE OF SYSTEMS AND LIBRARIES BY REGION

Reference and Research Library Resources Systems[a]	Academic Library Members[a]	Special and Institution Library Members[a]	Public Library Systems[b]	Public Library System Members[b]	School Library Systems[c]	School Library System Members[c]	Population	Land Area
Capital District	18	25	3	67	4	72	994,565	7,158
Central New York	14	34	2	64	4	58	849,250	4,077
Long Island	30	71	2	108	4	99	2,605,813	1,199
Metropolitan (New York City)	81	72	4	41[d]	4	46	7,938,238	740
North Country	12	31	2	93	5	72	503,196	10,730
Rochester	13	32	1	60	5	57	972,629	3,140
South Central	18	44	3	108	8	94	955,995	10,078
Southeastern	17	53	2	110	6	76	1,165,042	5,429
Western New York	18	72	3	79	6[e]	90	1,573,344	4,828
TOTAL	221	434	22	730	46	664	17,588,072	47,379

[a] *Reference and Research Library Resources Systems Annual Reports 1985-86*
[b] *Public and Association Libraries Statistics 1985*
[c] *School Library Systems Annual Reports 1985-86*
[d] Does not include 190 branches in the Brooklyn, New York Public and Queens systems.
[e] Reflects Chautauqua and Erie#2-Cattaraugus merger as of 1987

STATE AID FOR LIBRARY SYSTEMS AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

This bill would provide increases in 1987/88 and in 1988/89 for local library aid, central library aid, public library system aid reference and research library system aid and school library system aid. Increases would be made for public library services to correctional institutions and for public library construction. Increases would also be made for Indian libraries, The New York Public Library Research Libraries, the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and The New York Public Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS

OVERALL INCREASE: $11.5 million*

The 22 public library systems provide a means by which some 730 public libraries and 683 branches and other outlets can serve the public efficiently and effectively. State aid for public libraries and library systems, now some 13 percent of the total public library expenditure, is vital to assuring adequate library service. Aid to public libraries and public library systems would increase by $7.3 million in 1987/88 and an additional $4.2 million in 1988/89.

* Amount reflects the increase by 1988/89 over 1987/88 current law. Excludes Coordinated Outreach, Literacy and Coordinated Youth Services-Schools/Libraries programs.

Public Library Systems

STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS

	1987/88 Current Law	1987/88 Proposed[a]	1988/89 Proposed[a]
SYSTEM-WIDE PROGRAMS			
Brooklyn	$ 5,457,188	$ 5,949,932	$ 6,532,662
Buffalo and Erie Co.	2,458,028	2,690,059	2,944,581
Chautauqua-Cattataugus	930,179	1,003,936	1,053,753
Chemung-Southern Tier	1,087,848	1,172,115	1,243,130
Clinton-Essex-Franklin	888,007	954,005	969,730
Finger Lakes	1,003,047	1,114,605	1,165,831
Four County	1,240,722	1,345,549	1,436,082
Mid-Hudson	1,563,975	1,700,645	1,805,577
Mid-York	1,140,720	1,242,916	1,316,159
Mohawk Valley	978,071	1,058,808	1,128,225
Nassau	3,210,681	3,513,132	3,896,978
The New York Public Library			
The Branch Libraries	8,095,854	8,999,095	9,813,613
The Research Libraries	5,579,600	6,045,000	6,253,000
Nioga	993,525	1,077,925	1,159,481
North Country	1,314,593	1,420,979	1,454,548
Onondaga	1,149,332	1,259,938	1,363,497
Pioneer	2,620,119	2,854,485	3,119,974
Queens	4,519,056	4,948,525	5,511,472
Ramapo Catskill	1,656,238	1,806,662	1,951,883
Southern Adirondack	1,026,156	1,108,233	1,151,359
Suffolk	3,040,038	3,331,949	3,672,072
Upper Hudson	1,195,005	1,304,643	1,422,629
Westchester	2,129,273	2,331,342	2,579,139
TOTAL	$53,307,255	$58,234,478	$62,945,373
SPECIAL PROGRAMS			
Coordinated Youth Services	$ 0	$ 1,100,000	$ 1,100,000
Literacy	0	1,800,000	1,800,000
Construction	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
Other Programs	782,204[b]	810,765[b]	816,825[b]
GRAND TOTAL	$54,089,459[c]	$65,945,243[c]	$70,662,198[c]

[a] The Regents legislative proposal includes phased formula adjustments.
[b] Includes Indian libraries, aid for Service to Local Correctional Institutions and Service to State Correctional Institutions. Excludes Regional Data Bases program funds.
[c] Indicates maximum cost.

LIBRARY SERVICE TO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

This bill would increase grants in 1988-89 to $10 per capita of inmate population of State correctional facilities for cooperative services from public library systems. This program makes the library resources of the public library systems available to the inmate population of such facilities.

LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES AID

The bill would establish a new Local Library Services Aid program to replace the Local Library Incentive Aid Program in 1988. It would increase grants to local libraries by $3.5 million to meet the need for increased funding and help offset the termination of federal revenue sharing funds for community public libraries. The proposal would provide a total of $9.1 million in 1988 for payments to those chartered and registered libraries meeting new public library standards to be in place by December 31, 1987. Grants to public library systems under the Local Library Services Aid program would increase by a total of $120,941 to $2.1 million by 1988/89.

This support recognizes that public libraries are indispensable to the cultural and economic well-being of the State. Their resources are important to the industry the State must retain, and to the communication and service industries upon which a stronger economic base will be built. Public libraries need increased funding for materials and community service programs which go beyond the services which systems offer them.

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The collections of The New York Public Library contain some of the nation's most valued and significant research resources. The New York Public Library Research Libraries, which serve scholars worldwide, would receive an increase of $673,400 by 1988/89. The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture would receive a $77,000 increase and The New York Public Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped would receive a $135,800 increase over two years.

PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

The bill would amend section 273a of the Education Law to provide statutory funding of $4 million annually for the public library construction program authorized in 1984. Provision is made for $4 million appropriations in 1987/88 and thereafter. The 1986 construction needs survey reflects the need for $117 million to improve deteriorating public library buildings across the State.

STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

LIBRARY SYSTEM	Funds for Member Library Projects	Funds for System and/or Member Library Projects	1987/88 Proposed Total
Brooklyn	$ 304,933	$ 72,727	$ 377,660
Buffalo and Erie Co.	138,804	72,727	211,531
Chautauqua-Cattaraugus	31,797	72,727	104,524
Chemung-Southern Tier	39,334	72,727	112,061
Clinton-Essex-Franklin	22,124	72,727	94,851
Finger Lakes	40,917	72,727	113,644
Four Country	50,424	72,727	123,151
Mid-Hudson	75,174	72,727	147,901
Mid-York	52,671	72,727	125,398
Mohawk Valley	39,401	72,727	112,128
Nassau	180,647	72,727	253,374
The New York Public Library	403,162	72,727	475,889
Nioga	44,458	72,727	117,185
North Country	46,658	72,727	119,385
Onondaga	63,413	72,727	136,140
Pioneer	132,948	72,727	205,675
Queens	258,524	72,727	331,251
Ramapo Catskill	84,075	72,727	156,802
Southern Adirondack	36,693	72,727	109,420
Suffolk	175,541	72,727	248,268
Upper Hudson	59,853	72,727	132,580
Westchester	118,455	72,727	191,182
TOTAL	$2,400,006	$1,599,994	$4,000,000

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Dunham Public Library in Oneida County was located in an historic two-story mansion built in 1865. The Board decided to retain the existing building, and expand it with an addition of 12,000 square feet. The combination of state library construction funds of $81,938 and a school district bond issue of $1.6 million made the new addition possible. Circulation of materials at the Dunham Public Library has doubled since the addition was built.

SUMMARY OF STATE SUPPORT

Public Library Aid
- Systemwide Services
- Central Libraries
- Local Library Service Aid
- Coordinated Outreach Service

The New York Public Library
- Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
- The Research Libraries of The New York Public Library
- Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

Construction
Literacy
Coordinated Youth Services-Schools/Libraries
Indian Libraries
Library Service to Local Correctional Institutions
Library Service to State-Operated Correctional Institutions

Reference and Research Library Resources Systems

Regional Data Bases and Interlibrary Resource Sharing
Preservation/Conservation
School Library Systems
Coordinated Collection Development
Hospital Library Program
New York Academy of Medicine Contract

TOTAL

Figures in parentheses are a portion of the total library aid above.
[a] Indicates maximum cost.
[b] Governor's budget.
[c] The Regents legislative proposal includes phased formula adjustment.

REQUESTED FOR LIBRARIES

1987/88 Current Law and Executive Budget	1987/88 Proposed	1988/89 Proposed
$53,307,255	$58,234,478	$62,945,373
(29,668,799)	(31,447,812)	(32,117,198)
(6,308,967)	(6,814,431)	(7,018,963)
(7,692,882)*	(8,152,782)*	(11,190,017)*
(2,679,807)	(4,139,453)	(4,666,195)
(739,200)	(935,000)	(985,000)
(5,579,600)	(6,045,000)	(6,253,000)
(638,000)	(700,000)	(715,000)
0	4,000,000	4,000,000
0	1,800,000	1,800,000
0	1,100,000	1,100,000
267,204	295,765	295,765
175,000*	175,000*	175,000*
340,000	340,000	346,060
3,002,389	3,343,053	3,343,053
3,045,000	5,050,113	5,122,671
1,840,000	3,100,000	3,100,000
5,058,969*	6,141,514*	6,567,878*
1,375,848	1,573,889	1,573,889
1,266,000	1,266,000	1,266,000
460,000	502,000	502,000
$70,137,665	$87,021,812*	$92,237,689*

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State library construction monies made possible a $6,642 grant to the Phelps Library in Ontario County in 1984. The Library Board replaced the roof on their 135 year old stone building, insulated the library walls, installed storm windows, and replaced two thirty-year old gas furnaces. All of these improvements, including this beautiful new roof, will reduce energy costs by 30-35%.

REFERENCE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY RESOURCES SYSTEMS

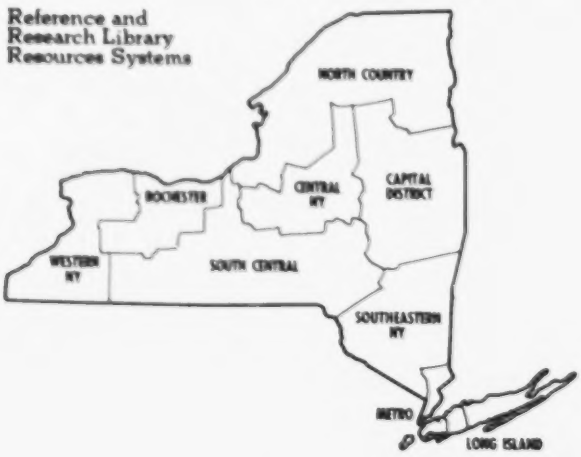
INCREASE: $340,664

The nine reference and research library resources systems enable academic, hospital, law, business and other special libraries, public library systems, and school library systems to share resources. They provide interlibrary loan, delivery, database development, reciprocal access, and other services to meet the reference and information needs of library users, students and faculty of institutions of higher education, the professions, and others.

Basic formula aid to reference and research library resources systems would be increased by 11 percent in 1987/88.

The reference and research library resources systems also coordinate and administer State aid programs such as the hospital library program and the coordinated collection development program.

In 1987/88, the Coordinated Collection Development Aid program would be increased by $198,041 and funding for the New York Academy of Medicine would increase by $42,000.



STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR REFERENCE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY RESOURCES SYSTEMS

	1987/88 Current Law	1987/88 Proposed*	1988/89 Proposed*
Capital District	$ 287,960	$ 316,911	$ 316,911
Central New York	277,151	303,571	303,571
Long Island	361,670	404,647	404,647
METRO	627,763	723,904	723,904
North Country	267,499	292,787	292,787
Rochester	282,242	309,568	309,568
South Central	289,389	318,977	318,977
Southeastern	294,495	324,546	324,546
Western New York	314,219	348,143	348,143
TOTAL	$3,002,389	$3,343,053	$3,343,053

* The Regents legislative proposal includes phased formula adjustments.

SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS

MAXIMUM INCREASE: $1.51 million

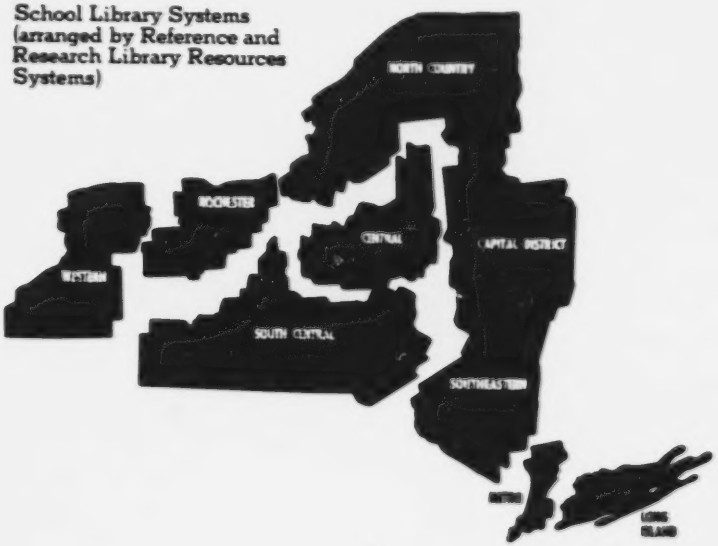
The 46 school library systems provide a means by which some 6,000 school libraries can serve the 3 million students of elementary and secondary schools efficiently and effectively.

Experience with two and a half years of school library systems operation and planning indicates the need for an adjustment in financing school library systems to meet varying costs and conditions among the BOCES and cities.

The bill provides for an increase in formula aid factors implemented in the 1986 Law. Formula factors for 1987/88 would include $420 per district, $2.50 per square mile, $.34 per student, and an annual grant based on enrollment. Any school library systems which have merged since January 1, 1984 will receive an additional $50,000 annually.

The bill provides $60,000 for assisting Library Development to provide assistance and to administer the School Library System Program.

School Library Systems (arranged by Reference and Research Library Resources Systems)



STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEMS

	1987/88 Current Law[a]	1987/88 Proposed	1988/89 Proposed
Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady	$ 98,215	$ 119,814	$ 127,240
Broome-Delaware-Tioga	87,938	103,775	110,200
Buffalo	83,649	107,917	114,123
Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming	90,546	105,458	111,997
Cayuga-Onondaga	79,905	92,900	97,617
Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington	87,050	100,213	106,387
Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego	85,506	98,323	104,410
Dutchess	87,108	103,553	109,973
Erie #1	97,195	120,653	128,130
Erie-Chatauqua-Cattaraugus	99,199	163,298[b]	170,314[b]
Franklin-Essex-Hamilton	82,465	94,447	99,914
Genesee-Wyoming	79,653	91,033	96,386
Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery	84,301	95,000	100,893
Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego	81,652	93,122	98,896
Jefferson-Lewis	89,392	104,082	110,444
Livingston-Steuben-Wyoming	81,203	92,768	98,536
Madison-Oneida	81,436	93,974	99,496
Monroe #1	85,550	102,193	108,291
Monroe #2-Orleans	83,654	100,662	106,593
Nassau	172,960	221,261	242,505
New York City	1,008,674	1,281,196	1,406,112
Oneida-Madison-Herkimer	82,997	96,324	102,322
Onondaga-Cortland-Madison	146,393[b]	166,775[b]	173,993[b]
Orange-Ulster	91,000	110,159	116,986
Orleans-Niagara	86,913	102,955	109,338
Oswego	82,160	95,810	101,427
Otsego-Northern Catskills	84,649	96,566	102,568
Putnam-Northern Westchester	89,218	106,077	112,681
Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene	91,558	109,131	115,897
Rochester	79,889	101,038	106,840
Rockland	85,290	103,140	109,227
St. Lawrence-Lewis	88,458	102,102	108,379
Saratoga-Warren	83,252	96,854	102,866
Schuyler-Chemung-Tioga	80,247	93,944	99,468
Steuben-Allegany	85,194	98,036	104,124
Suffolk #1	84,337	99,014	105,250
Suffolk #2	120,870	154,128	168,025
Suffolk #3	97,187	120,129	127,575
Sullivan	79,734	90,780	96,099
Syracuse	77,192	96,092	101,603
Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga	78,295	91,578	96,959
Ulster	81,452	95,356	100,956
Washington-Warren-Hamilton-Essex	87,702	101,176	107,441
Wayne-Finger Lakes	93,291	110,355	117,197
Westchester #2	97,175	122,819	130,515
Yonkers	77,265	96,234	101,754
GRAND TOTAL	$5,058,969[c]	$6,141,514[c]	$6,567,878[c]

[a] Based on 1984/85 enrollment figures.
[b] Includes $50,000 for system merging. Figures for Erie-Chatauqua–Cattaraugus reflect merger as of July 1, 1987.
[c] Indicates maximum cost.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OUTREACH, LITERACY AND YOUTH SERVICES

Public library outreach, literacy and youth services programs assure that persons with special needs receive important library services. These service-oriented programs provide special information and materials which otherwise would not be available to help learners of all ages, regardless of geographic location or special need. The programs are based on an analysis of community need, and often involve cooperation with schools, colleges, other government and volunteer agencies.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OUTREACH SERVICES

INCREASE: $2 million

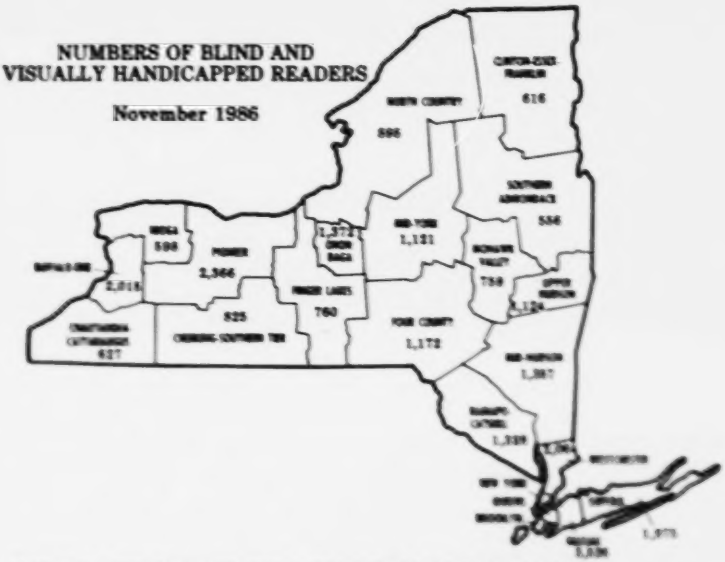
TARGET GROUP POPULATIONS TO BE SERVED*

Blind	139,444
Physically Handicapped	1,892,634
Aged	2,173,640
Institutionalized	311,438
Unemployed	467,496
Educationally Disadvantaged	2,540,138
Isolated	963,040
Ethnic or Minority Groups	4,288,441

As services to these target groups are developed and extended, additional funds are required to meet the wide variety of special needs. Funds would continue to purchase special equipment and materials, provide specially trained personnel and support focused programs and services.

This bill would increase State aid for coordinated outreach services programs. It would provide an annual grant of $44,500 plus 18 cents per capita to public library systems providing coordinated outreach services in 1987/88, and 21 cents per capita in 1988/89.

* 1984 estimates submitted to State Education Department



LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

The New York Public Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, in cooperation with the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Borough Public Library, serves 23,483 readers in the five Boroughs of New York City. The New York Public Library also provides service to the Nassau and Suffolk subregional libraries, shown separately on the map.

The New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Handicapped served 19,555 active readers in 55 upstate counties during 1986. Readership grows by sixty to seventy readers per week.

In 1986, The New York Public Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was supported by $849,200 in State aid and $120,000 in Federal LSCA funds. The Regents recommend State aid be increased to $935,000 in 1987/88 and $985,000 in 1988/89.

The Regents recommend State Aid to the New York State Library for the Blind and Visually Handicapped be increased by $323,500 in 1987/88. This increase would ensure equity of service to blind and visually handicapped readers regardless of county of residence by raising the per capita expenditure to equal that of the New York Public Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

PUBLIC LIBRARY LITERACY SERVICES

FUNDS REQUESTED: $1.8 million

In 1986, legislation established the public library adult literacy services program and appropriated $400,000 for grants to public library systems and public libraries for cooperative projects to assist adults to increase their literacy skills. In 1986, libraries and library systems submitted 59 applications totalling $706,430. Forty-nine of the 59 applicants were able to receive at least partial funding with the $400,000 available. Grants ranged in size from $600 for the Lodi Public Library (Seneca County) to the maximum of $20,000 for The New York Public Library and the Mid-Hudson Library System. Each of the 49 projects was cooperatively planned and implemented with one or more schools, community organizations, public or nongovernmental agencies.

This proposal provides annual grants totalling $1.8 million for the library literacy program and expands the program to include early and lifelong literacy programs for children and parents.

Public libraries promote literacy with a variety of services and activities. Library services are important to people learning to read, to those who are practicing newly acquired literacy skills, and to teachers, volunteers and others who assist people to develop their literacy skills. Libraries provide space for the program operation, training, and the individual tutoring of such programs as Literacy Volunteers and Laubach Literacy. They also supply materials adults need to use once they enroll in or finish formal Adult Basic Education programs.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES TO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND PARENTS

FUNDS REQUESTED: $1.1 million

The Regents recognize that children in New York without access to cultural and educational experiences before entering school are disadvantaged. This bill proposes strengthening cooperation between public libraries and schools. The bill would ensure that public libraries have the technical and program assistance they need to further develop services to school and preschool children and their parents, with particular attention to the needs of young parents and very young children. The bill would provide $50,000 annually to each public library system which offers coordinating activities for assuring local public library services to school and preschool children, youth, and parents.

The bill would provide $60,000 for assisting the Division of Library Development to provide technical assistance and to administer the Outreach and Literacy programs.

EFFECTIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR INTERSYSTEM RESOURCE SHARING

REGIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA BASES AND INTERLIBRARY RESOURCES SHARING PROGRAM

INCREASE: $2.1 million

The bill would provide increased funds for grants for intersystem cooperation in the development of regional and statewide bibliographic databases and the sharing of resources among libraries of all types. Funding will be placed on a formula basis to make the grants to each region equitable and fair.

The 1984 legislation established grants to accelerate the conversion of data for regional automated databases, and to provide for effective use of technology by all types of libraries within each of the nine library regions of the State.

1986 legislation changed the program by establishing separate grants to reference and research library resources systems for regional data base development and resource sharing and grants to public library systems for developing automated systems as a part of the regional data base. 1986 legislation also provided that grants to reference and research library resources systems hereafter be based on the amount provided to the region in 1986 under what was a discretionary grant portion of the 1984 law.

An annual grant of $290,000 would be given to each of the nine regions, plus the sum of .045 cents per capita in 1987/88 and .046 cents per capita in 1988/89. Each public library system will receive $75,000 in 1987/88 and $77,500 in 1988/89 to systematically coor-

dinate and integrate automated circulation systems within a region with other automated systems or to initiate an automated circulation system for one or more public library systems.

Libraries in New York State hold over 176 million volumes or an estimated database of 65 million records. Of the 65 million records only 23 million, or approximately 36 percent, are now in machine-readable form. The expansion of databases will improve and speed the delivery of library services, facilitate resource sharing, and achieve long-term cost savings.

This bill provides $60,000 in funds for assisting the Division of Library Development to provide technical assistance and to administer the program.

STATE SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR REGIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA BASES PROGRAM BY REGION[a]

Region	1987/88 Current Law	1987/88 Proposed	1988/89 Proposed
Capital District	$ 280,000	$ 559,755	$ 568,250
Central New York	305,000	478,216	484,066
Long Island	310,000	557,262	564,867
METRO	483,750	947,221	965,159
North Country	257,500	462,644	468,147
Rochester	260,000	408,768	412,241
South Central	361,250	558,020	566,476
Southeastern	295,000	492,427	498,592
Western New York	392,500	585,800	594,874
TOTAL	$2,945,000[b]	$5,050,113	$5,122,671

[a] Includes aid to public library systems and reference and research library resources systems.

[b] Total excludes $100,000 for discretionary grant portion of program under current law.

MICROCOMPUTERS FOR RESOURCE SHARING

FUNDS REQUESTED: $100,000

A 1986 study of interlibrary loan in New York State shows a need to have microcomputers available in the State's libraries for electronic handling of interlibrary loan requests and for other administrative purposes.

This bill directs the Commissioner to complete in 1987/88 and in 1988/89 a plan for systematically installing the needed microcomputers, and appropriates $100,000 for this purpose.

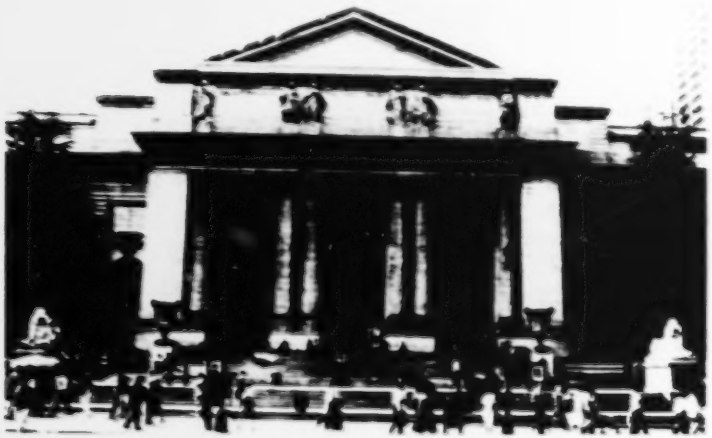
This bill provides $60,000 in funds for assisting the Division of Library Development to develop plans to implement installation of the microcomputers, to provide technical assistance and to administer the program.

CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF RESEARCH MATERIALS

INCREASE: $1.3 million

New York is the first state to address the problem of deteriorating research collections at the state level. This bill would increase funds for the conservation and preservation of library materials of unique value to the people of New York State.

Research collections which underpin the vitality and diversity of our cultural, economic and industrial activities and are crucial to the needs of the State's research community, are decaying.



The Research Libraries of The New York Public Library, pictured above, is one of the comprehensive research libraries that receives funds to assist with preservation of valuable research materials. The others include: Columbia University, Cornell University, the New York State Library, New York University, the University of Rochester, Syracuse University, and the four SUNY centers at Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, and Stony Brook.

The collections in New York State's 11 comprehensive research libraries, comprising the major part of the State's available research materials, provide valuable resources to the total citizenry through an active interlibrary loan network.

The 1986 legislation established a three-part coordinated conservation/preservation program. Each of the 11 comprehensive research libraries receives $90,000 to assist with its preservation efforts.

The 1986 legislation also provided a $350,000 cooperative grant program for the preservation of unique research library materials in the eleven comprehensive research libraries. In 1986, six applications totalling $494,402 were submitted. Only four could be funded within the $350,000 available.

In 1986, other libraries and record repositories were also provided with a $500,000 grant program for the preservation of unique research library materials. 121 applications totalling $1.49 million were submitted in 1986. Only 49 projects could be funded within the $500,000 available.

The 1987 bill would increase the annual funding for the 11 comprehensive research libraries by a total of $110,000 and would provide a total of $1 million for the cooperative grant program. In addition, a total of $1 million would be provided for grants to other libraries and agencies for preservation of unique research materials.

The bill provides $120,000 in funds for assisting the Division of Library Development to provide technical assistance and to administer the conservation/preservation program.

OTHER REGENTS LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS OF INTEREST TO LIBRARIES AND OTHER CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

LIBRARY PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL GOALS

As a part of the Elementary, Secondary and Continuing Education Legislative program, the Regents propose a three-part coordinated community-elementary school library program. This portion of the school aid program would (1) increase the school library materials aid from $2 to $4 and would establish maintenance of local effort using 1984/85 expenditures as the base year; (2) provide $4.9 million to make full or part time librarians available to each elementary school building to work with teachers and students in the appropriate use of library materials and services; and (3) provide 30 cents per capita or a total of $5 million to public libraries for cooperative programs to provide high quality services to school and preschool children and their parents.

The library and school aid proposals recognize that many children in New York State are disadvantaged because they do not have access to cultural and educational experiences before entering school. By providing funds to public libraries for services to children and their parents, school aid recognizes that public libraries have important roles in introducing children to lifelong learning and use of libraries.

CONTINGENCY BUDGETS

This bill would amend Education Law sections 1604, 1608, 1709, 1718, 2007, 2022, and 3635, would repeal sections 2023 and 2024, and would add a new section 2023 to provide for the adoption of a budget where the voters have not approved such budget, and to provide a procedure for limiting school district expenditures in subsequent years if the voters do not approve budgets for such years. New section 2023 would provide that where the voters have not approved a budget, school district expenditures would be limited to the previous year's per pupil expenditures or to total dollars of approved operating expense, with an adjustment based upon such expenditures of all school districts within the same geographic area. (Estimated State cost: First year – $0; first full year – $0; fifth year – $0.)

EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTERS

An increase of $350,000 (a total of $800,000) is requested to create seven new centers at a cost of $50,000 each in areas with the highest unemployment and greatest retraining needs. In addition, a legislative proposal will be submitted to establish up to 50 comprehensive adult education information and counseling centers.

TECHNOLOGIES NETWORK TIES (TNT)

The Regents propose to complete development and implementation of a statewide computer-based support system to improve information storage and transfer through the purchase of up-to-date computer equipment and the establishment of new networking arrangements among the State regional information centers, the local school districts and BOCES, and libraries. First year cost: $6.8 million.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS

This bill would amend the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, the Public Officers Law, the General Municipal Law, the County Law, and the Town Law to clarify the responsibilities of local government officials and the State Archives for retention, disposition, care and preservation of local government records, including archival records. The bill authorizes a State grant-in-aid program administered by the State Archives, to establish and strengthen local government vital records and archival programs, and creates a Local Government Records Advisory Council that will work with the State Education Department on local government records concerns and on State services, legislation and regulations. With the exception of the grant-in-aid provision, the bill does not apply to the records of any court or the records of New York City. (Estimated State cost: First year $0; first full year $1,200,000; fifth year $5,000,000.)

MUSEUMS

This bill would authorize the payment of State aid to museums, historical societies and other cultural educational institutions for the provision of educational services to school students and would provide for additional transportation aid to public schools for field trips made to the institutions providing such services. (Estimated State cost: First year $6,600,000; first full year $6,600,000; fifth year $8,100,000.)

PREPARING MINORITY ADULTS FOR CULTURAL INSTITUTION SERVICE

This bill would provide grant funds to cultural institutions chartered by the Regents or the Legislature to support postgraduate internships for minority adults who possess baccalaureate degrees, and vocational apprenticeships for minority adults enrolled in two- or four-year accredited institutions of higher education. The proposed one-year appropriation would support 20 internships at the postgraduate level, 30 vocational apprenticeships and a project coordinator. (Estimated State cost: First year $435,000; first full year 435,000; fifth year $0.)

SENIOR CITIZEN COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION ACT

This bill would provide State funds for a comprehensive set of programs designed to make available to older persons a variety of occupational retraining and counseling programs, to make effective use of volunteer services by older citizens, to provide student opportunities to serve the elderly, to enhance professional training in geriatrics and gerontology, to encourage research in problems of the aging, and to encourage the use of superior retired teachers and librarians as mentors, tutors and in other capacities. (Estimated State cost: First year – $7,585,000; first full year – $7,585,000; fifth year – $10,983,000.) Components are:

(1) Reimbursement to school districts, BOCES, colleges, public library systems and museums for education programs for senior citizens 55 years and older. ($3.3 – $5.7 million).

(2) Grants to schools and postsecondary institutions to provide occupational retraining, upgrading, and counseling services for elderly workers.

(3) Grants to school districts, BOCES, public and free association libraries, and museums in cooperation with school districts or BOCES for expenses incurred in operating exemplary programs which make use of volunteer service by retired and elderly citizens. ($250,000 – $500,000)

(4) Grants to schools and colleges for exemplary programs for students to participate in structured learning experiences, provide direct services to elderly persons, and participate in interorganizational learning.

(5) Grants to postsecondary institutions and affiliated gerontological institutions to support tuition free course work in geriatrics or gerontology for undergraduate and graduate students and practitioners in services to elderly (including informational and educational services). These courses would provide knowledge and training needed to provide service to the elderly. ($420,000 – $509,000)

(6) Reimbursement to school districts and libraries for expenses incurred in employing retired teachers and librarians in a Retired Educators of Excellence Program. ($525,000 – $768,000)

(7) Grants to postsecondary institutions for establishment and maintenance of Centers for Applied Research in Aging.